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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 12-13 NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. AT FORTHCOMING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS, THE FIRST GATHERING OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LAST JUNE, WE SEE FOLLOWING AS MAIN ISSUES FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION:

(A) THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. WE ENVISAGE A BROAD DISCUSSION OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIES OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WESTERN DEFENSE POSTURE AND PARTICULARLY THE EFFECT ON THE ALLIANCE OF SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES THREATENING SOME OF THE ECONOMICALLY

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WEAKER COUNTRIES OF NATO.

(B) EAST-WEST ISSUES. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF RECENT PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT DETENTE, WE FORESEE NAC DISCUSSION TAKING AS A STARTING POINT THE SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 19 STATEMENT TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND ALLIES VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN THE RESULTS OF CURRENT NAC/SPC REVIEW AND THEREAFTER BRANCHING OUT INTO EXCHANGES ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, SUCH AS CSCE, MBFR AND SALT.

(C) THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. MINISTERS WILL DOUBTLESS WISH TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THIS RUBRIC AS WELL AS TO NOTE THE REGULAR BI-ANNUAL REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. FURTHER, WE EXPECT THAT GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS WILL CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE VERY IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. BEGIN FYI. DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS, WE MAY WISH TO ASK SYG LUNS NOT REPEAT NOT TO RAISE THE CYPRUS SITUATION UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS WATCHING BRIEF. END FYI. HOWEVER, WE WILL WISH TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGE IN NAC OVER CYPRUS. IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A HEATED GREEK-TURKISH DEBATE IN NAC OVER CYPRUS, WE WOULD LOOK TO SYG LUNS AND OTHER ALLIES TO HELP FORESTALL OR DAMPEN DEBATE.

3. TO FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES DESCRIBED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL:

(A) A RESTRICTED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND PERMREPS, PREFERABLY ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 12, TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION.

(B) DURING THE REGULAR SESSION, DISCUSSION OF EAST-WEST AND OTHER ISSUES SHOULD BE TIGHTLY STRUCTURED BY TOPICS AND SUB-TOPICS SO THAT MINISTERS CAN ADDRESS EACH SEPARATELY. THIS APPROACH, EMPLOYED VERY USEFULLY AT THE OTTAWA MEETING, WOULD ENTAIL NO SINGLE GENERAL INTERVENTION BY EACH MINISTER BUT, INSTEAD, DISCUSSION ON  
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SPECIFIC ISSUES BASED UPON INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY SYG LUNS. SHOULD NEW MINISTERS DESIRE TO MAKE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, WE BELIEVE SYG LUNS SHOULD CALL UPON THEM TO SPEAK BRIEFLY REPEAT BRIEFLY AT OUTSET OF REGULAR SESSION AND THEN DISCUSSION SHOULD TURN TO AGENDA TOPICS.

4. MORE THAN AT MOST MEETINGS WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE

DECEMBER GATHERING WILL BE MARKED BY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO CURRENT MATTERS SUCH AS CYPRUS, GREEK-NATO RELATIONS AND PORTUGUESE-NATO RELATIONS. IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BILATERALS AND OTHER POSSIBLE MEETINGS DECEMBER 11, THE SECRETARY PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 10. BASED UPON PREVIOUS PRACTICE, WE WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS, AS WELL AS ON BILATERAL MEETINGS DESIRED BY SECRETARY. SECRETARY PLANS TO DEPART BRUSSELS EARLY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 13.

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5. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS FOREGOING AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY WITH SYG LUNS, ASKING THAT HE TAKE THE LEAD IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH PERMREPS TO STRUCTURE THE MENTIONED DEBATE ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

6. SPECIFICALLY, WITH REGARD TO DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1A, WE RECOGNIZE THAT FRANCE MIGHT OBJECT. IN ANTICIPATION OF FRENCH RESERVATIONS, YOU MIGHT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH DE ROSE, PERHAPS AFTER REVIEWING SITUATION FIRST WITH LUNS AND DE STAERCKE, AND EMPHASIZE THAT DISCUSSION SECRETARY ENVISAGES WILL BE GENERAL AND WILL NOT INTRUDE ON WORK UNDERWAY ELSEWHERE. MOREOVER, OTHER ALLIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS WHICH, WE HOPE FRANCE WILL AGREE, IS BEST CONTAINED WITHIN A RESTRICTED FORUM IN WHICH MINISTERS WILL FEEL FREE TO SPEAK THEIR MIND.

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